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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLOT TO DISRUPT PROJECTED VISIT OF

--- SECRETARY

REF: (A) B.A. 2652; (B) STATE 081488

FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS TO AMBASSADOR

1. FROM ALL REPORTS, INCLUDING CURRENT INTER-AGENCY ESTIMATE REGARDING SECURITY CONDITIONS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT, WE PERCEIVE NO DIMINUTION IN THE THREAT OF KIDNAPPING OR ASSASSINATION POSED TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL AS PART OF A TERRORIST PLOT BEFORE OR DURING THE VISIT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO MINIMIZE THE THREAT DURING THIS PERIOD.

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2. ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR THAT EMBASSY HAS OVERALL SECURITY PROGRAM UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW AND IS MAKING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS, WE ARE NOT SATISFIED THAT REACTIONS TO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN REF. (B) ARE

SUFFICIENTLY POSITIVE. SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ON REF. (A):

A. WE NOTE THAT THE STAFF WAS INFORMED OF OUR PROPOSAL
TO MOVE ESPECIALLY HIGH-RISK PERSONNEL TARGETS INTO HOTELS
FROM REMOTE AREAS, BUT THIS APPEARS PURELY INFORMATIVE.
THE NUMBER OF CASES MAY WELL BE FEW, BUT THE MOVE SHOULD
BE DIRECTED WHERE APPROPRIATE.

B. RE PARA 4, REF. (A), WE ASSUME THE NORMAL WORK REQUIRE-
MENTS OF THE EMBASSY WILL BE SHARPLY CURTAILED BETWEEN NOW
AND THE COMPLETION OF THE VISIT. WE ASSUME ONLY THOSE
WHOSE SERVICES ARE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT
WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE IN THE CHANCERY.

C. WE ARE SURPRISED TO FIND NO MENTION IN REF. (A) OF
AUGMENTED GUARD SERVICE WHICH WE AUTHORIZED. IT IS OUR
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GUARD FORCE CAN BE EXPANDED QUICKLY
UNDER THE PRESENT CONTRACT. WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE
REVIEWED AGAIN FOR IMMEDIATE INCREASED REQUIREMENTS.

3. THERE IS NO DESIRE HERE TO SECOND-GUESS THE ARRANGE-
MENTS THE MISSION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING, BUT WE
BELIEVE THIS PERIOD IS A TIME OF GREATER DANGER THAN USUAL
AND THAT EVERY POSITIVE STEP WHICH CAN SIGNIFICANTLY
MINIMIZE THE RISK OR RAISE THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION,
ESPECIALLY TO THOSE CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST LIKELY TAR-
GETS, MUST BE TAKEN. KISSINGER

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